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SUBJECT: INITIAL REACTION TO VANCE APPOINTMENT

1. ISRAELIS RECEIVED THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE APPOINTMENT OF CYRUS VANCE AS SECRETARY OF STATE-DESIGNATE WITH GREAT INTEREST BUT LITTLE SURPRISE. HE HAS LONG BEEN REGARDED HERE AS AN IMPORTANT VOICE ON FOREIGN POLICY IN DEMOCRATIC PARTY COUNCILS AND A POTENTIAL SECRETARY OF STATE. THE APPOINTMENT WAS SEEN HERE AS THE BEST (FOR ISRAEL) AMONG THE REALISTIC ALTERNATIVES.

2. INITIAL PRESS REPORTING NOTED THAT SEVERAL ISRAELI LEADERS, INCLUDING PRIME MINISTER RABIN, HAD MET WITH THE SECRETARY-DESIGNATE OVER THE PAST YEAR AND HAD BEEN FAVORABLY IMPRESSED WITH HIS UNDERSTANDING OF ISRAEL'S PROBLEMS. IT WAS CONCEDED, HOWEVER, THAT AT THESE MEETINGS, HIS PARTICIPATION WAS GENERALLY LIMITED TO LISTENING AND THAT LITTLE IN FACT IS KNOWN ABOUT HIS VIEWS ON THE MIDDLE EAST. THE POSITIVE REACTION WAS ALSO TEMPERED BY THE NOTATION THAT VANCE HAD PUBLICLY OPPOSED THE SALE OF PERSHING MISSILES TO ISRAEL.

3. PERHAPS MORE SIGNIFICANTLY, BOTH MASS CIRCULATION AFTERNOON DAILIES (AS WELL AS ISRAEL RADIO) TODAY HEADLINED VANCE'S REPORTED AWARENESS, AS CONVEYED TO NEWSWEEKS DE BORCHGRAVE, THAT "PRESSURES" WILL HAVE

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TO BE EXERTED ON ISRAEL IN CONNECTION WITH FUTURE MOVES
ON A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT. BUT COMMENTATORS GENERALLY
BELIEVE THAT THE MIDDLE EAST WILL AT LEAST INITIALLY
ENJOY A LOWER PRIORITY UNDER CARTER AND VANCE THAN PRESSING
DOMESTIC AND CERTAIN OTHER FOREIGN POLICY CONCERNS.

4. ON THE GENERAL EFFECT OF THE VANCE APPOINTMENT DAVAR
(BARNEA), AFTER REFERRING TO HIM AS
"A DIPLOMAT FOR ALL SEASONS," POINTED OUT THAT VANCE
SUPPORTS DETENTE AND "HAS A CERTAIN SENSITIVITY IN
FOREIGN POLICY FOR MORAL VALUES AND THE PRESERVATION OF
HUMAN RIGHTS," BUT THAT THE MAIN CHANGE WILL BE IN STYLE.
VANCE IS EXPECTED TO DELEGATE AUTHORITY AND MAKE GREATER
USE OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT AS AN INSTITUTION. MOST COMMENT
AGREED WITH MAARIV'S VIEW THAT HIS "PERSONAL OPINIONS
WILL NOT CARRY THE SAME WEIGHT AS THOSE OF DR. KISSINGER"
AND WITH HAARETZ' EDITORIAL THAT THE APPOINTMENT REFLECTS
CARTER'S INTENTION TO PLAY
A LARGER ROLE IN FOREIGN POLICY THAN DID HIS PREDECESSOR.
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